

Business Enterprise Program: Child Care Facility**FY2024 Request:****\$620,400****Reference No:****64736****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Education**Category:** Education**Recipient:** BEP Partner**Location:** Palmer (Palmer)**House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 7-12)**Impact House District:** Matsu Areawide (HD 7-12)**Contact:** Dan DeBartolo**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5984**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Establish an in-house employer sponsored childcare center at Mat-Su Regional Medical Center (MSRMC) for employees and medical building occupants to be owned and operated by a blind or disabled vendor.

Funding:	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$620,400						\$620,400
Total:	\$620,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$620,400

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	105,000	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	515,400	
Totals:	620,400	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**Project Description/Justification:**

The Mat-Su Regional Medical Center (MSRMC), a 125-bed facility with 660 in-house employees, in partnership with the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) will establish and manage an in-house, employer-sponsored childcare center for MSRMC employees and medical building occupants. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's (DVR) BEP program will facilitate and execute this program; a BEP vendor under the Randolph-Sheppard and Chance Act programs will own and operate the facility.

The Randolph-Sheppard program provides blind persons with remunerative employment and self-support through the operation of vending facilities on federal and other property. The Chance Act, only authorized in Alaska, mimics the same principles, and works with visually impaired and most severely disabled persons. This venture will signify the first daycare center under the Randolph Sheppard/Chance programs established in the United States; setting precedent for this type of operation.

The BEP and MSRMC know that childcare is a major priority for their employees and the community, a MSRMC employee survey indicated a strong need and desire for childcare services 24/7. MSRMC will provide space in one of their medical buildings, along with the architectural design and build-out,

including indoor and outdoor space. In addition, MSRMC will be responsible for utilities, custodial services, laundry services, food services, and possible payroll withdrawals for employees. BEP will be responsible for providing employment opportunities to people who experience blindness and other severe disabilities; a memorandum of understanding with the owner/manager for the operation of the BEP vending facility, acquisition of equipment, purchase, and inventory of required childcare needs, attainment of necessary permits, licenses, insurance, and provision of necessary start-up cash.